



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2016 Maryland General Assembly Session

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**Schedule 24**

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## **HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 19, 2016**

### **HB 1533 Delegate P. Young, et al**

#### **ENTERPRISE ZONES – TARGET REDEVELOPMENT AREAS – DESIGNATION AND SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION**

Authorizing a political subdivision to request that the Secretary of Commerce designate all or a part of an enterprise zone as a target redevelopment area for the lesser of 5 years or the remainder of the 10-year term of the applicable enterprise zone; authorizing a person to apply to the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce to certify that a construction project in a target redevelopment area is a project for which the purchase of specified material and equipment is entitled to an exemption from the sales and use tax; etc.

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EC, § 5-706.1 and TG, §§ 11-232 and 13-1032 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

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**HB 1534 Delegate Hixson, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – EASTER SEALS INTER-GENERATIONAL CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Easter Seals Serving DC/MD/VA, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Inter-Generational Center, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1535 Delegate Hammen, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – ROBERT LONG HOUSE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$40,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Society for the Preservation of Federal Hill and Fell's Point, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the historic Robert Long House, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1536 Delegate Rosenberg****MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR POLICY ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH POSITIONS – TRANSFER TO STATE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Requiring that, under specified circumstances, specified contractual employees of the Maryland Institute for Policy Analysis and Research be placed in specified positions in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring that the employees be placed in the State Personnel Management System without further examination or qualification and with a specified salary level; requiring that specified transferred employees be appointed without prior service credit and serve a specified probationary period; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1537 Delegate Hixson****PROCUREMENT – PRIORITY OF PURCHASING PREFERENCES –  
INDIVIDUAL WITH DISABILITY OWNED BUSINESS**

Altering the purchasing preference priority required to be given to individual with disability owned businesses by State and State aided or controlled entities when buying supplies and services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SF, § 14-103 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1538 Allegany County Delegation****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ALLEGANY COUNTY – FROSTBURG  
MUSEUM RELOCATION PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Frostburg Museum Association for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the relocation of the Frostburg Museum to the former St. Michael's School, located in Allegany County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1539 Allegany County Delegation****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ALLEGANY COUNTY – FRIENDS  
AWARE FACILITY**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Friends Aware, Incorporated for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Friends Aware facility, located in Allegany County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1540 Allegany County Delegation****ALLEGANY COUNTY – VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS – OWNERSHIP COSTS**

Authorizing 12% of the proceeds from video lottery terminals at the video lottery facility in Allegany County to be distributed to the video lottery operation licensee if the licensee owns or leases each video lottery terminal device and the associated equipment and software.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SG, § 9-1A-27(a)(7) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1541 Allegany County Delegation****HIGHER EDUCATION – VOLUNTEER FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL – PARTIAL TUITION WAIVER**

Requiring a public institution of higher education to waive an amount of tuition equal to the cost of 3 credit hours at the public institution of higher education for an individual who performs volunteer fire, rescue, or emergency medical services and qualifies for a specified income tax subtraction modification, as verified by the State Comptroller; providing that an individual continues to qualify for a partial tuition waiver by a specified public institution of higher education under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 15-106.9 - added and § 16-106 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1542 Delegate B. Barnes, et al****NURSING FACILITIES – QUALITY ASSESSMENT – MODIFICATION**

Applying the requirement for a specified quality assessment imposed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and specified provisions of law relating to a specified quality assessment, to nursing facilities with 70 or more beds.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HG, § 19-310.1 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1543 Delegate Beitzel****GARRETT COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION – GARRETT COLLEGE BUSINESS INCUBATOR**

Authorizing the governing body of Garrett County to exempt from the county property tax specified real property in Garrett County that is owned by the Garrett College Board of Trustees and used as a specified business incubator; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

TP, § 7-511.1 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1544 Delegate Kramer****CORPORATIONS – MARYLAND GENERAL CORPORATION LAW – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

Prohibiting the charter or bylaws of a corporation from imposing liability on a specified stockholder for the attorney's fees or expenses of the corporation or any other party in connection with an internal corporate claim; authorizing the charter or bylaws of a corporation, consistent with jurisdictional requirements, to require that internal corporate claims be brought only in specified courts; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

CA, §§ 1-101(p) and 2-113 - added and §§ 1-203(b)(8), 1-301, 2-212(a), 2-514(a), 3-507(b)(1), 3-515, 5-207, and 8-601.1 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1545 Delegate Chang****CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – DROP**

Establishing a Deferred Retirement Option Program for members in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System who have at least 20 years and less than 25 years of eligibility service; requiring the State Retirement Agency to request specified documentation from the Internal Revenue Service; and making the Act subject to a specified contingency.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SP, § 25-401.1 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1546 Delegate Chang****LEAN GOVERNMENT ADVISORY BOARD – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Lean Government Advisory Board; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Board; requiring the Board to meet at least quarterly and to apply lean principles to analyze the operations and organization of State government, identify specified inefficiencies, and recommend specified improvements; requiring the Board, beginning December 1, 2017, to annually report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SG, §§ 9-3201 through 9-3204 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1547 Delegate Conaway****REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL LEASES – NOTICE ABOUT RENT ESCROW LAWS**

Requiring the landlord of any residential rental property to include in a written lease a specified notice to the tenant about the tenant's rights and remedies regarding certain conditions or defects in the property; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

RP, § 8-210 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1548 Washington County Delegation****WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE RENEWAL PROCEDURES**

Specifying the filing period for a renewal of an alcoholic beverages license in Washington County is between April 1 and June 15, inclusive; requiring a license holder to file an application to renew an annual license and the required documents by a specified date; altering the penalty for late filing of an application for a license renewal; prohibiting the Washington County Board of License Commissioners from renewing a license until the license holder pays specified taxes and submits a specified certificate to the Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, §§ 31-1801, 31-1802, and 31-1803 - amended and §§ 31-1803.1 and 31-1803.2 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1549 Washington County Delegation****WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR – LICENSE FEE**

Increasing, from \$300 to \$600, the annual license fee for a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license in Washington County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 31-901 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1550 Washington County Delegation****WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – HOTEL AND MOTEL LICENSES**

Altering specified conditions under which the Board of License Commissioners of Washington County may issue a specified alcoholic beverages license to the owner of a hotel or motel; requiring the hotel or motel to have specified lobby facilities, to have a ballroom, conference room, or banquet room instead of specified dining facilities; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described under the license for on-premises consumption; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 31-903 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1551 Washington County Delegation****WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – POPULATION RATIO QUOTA – CLASSES OF LICENSES**

Prohibiting the Washington County Board of License Commissioners from issuing a Class A off-sale license, a Class B on- and off-sale license, or a Class D on- and off-sale license in an election district if the number of licenses exceeds the population ratio quota, which is defined as one license for every 3,000 residents in an election district; authorizing the Board to issue specified licenses in an election district if the number of licenses exceeds the population ratio quota under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 31-1601 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1552 Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation**

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION –  
POLYBUTYLENE CONNECTION PIPE REPLACEMENT LOAN  
PROGRAM PG/MC 115–16

Requiring the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to establish a Polybutylene Connection Pipe Replacement Loan Program to provide loans to residential customers to finance the replacement of malfunctioning polybutylene pipes on customer property located in the Commission's service territory that connect from service connections to customer residences; requiring the Program to provide for specified eligibility requirements; providing that the Program may not provide more than \$1,000,000 total in loans; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PU, § 23-205 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1553 Delegate Walker**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BRAC REVITALIZATION AND  
INCENTIVE ZONES – EXTRAORDINARY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Authorizing the Secretary of Commerce to designate, in a calendar year, an additional BRAC Revitalization and Incentive Zone that includes a specified extraordinary development district in which a federal law enforcement agency is located; increasing by one the number of BRAC Zones a county may receive if the zone includes a specified development district; increasing from 10 to 20 the number of years the Secretary may designate a specified area as a BRAC Zone if the zone includes a specified development district; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

EC, §§ 5-1301 and 5-1304 and TP, § 2-222(a) through (c) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1554 Delegate Vogt, et al**

BIOTECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT – QUALIFIED  
MARYLAND BIOTECHNOLOGY COMPANY – DEFINITION

Altering the definition of “qualified Maryland biotechnology company” to extend a specified period of time from a specified date that an active business may claim the biotechnology tax credit; and applying the Act to initial tax credit certificates issued after June 30, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

TG, § 10-725(a)(7) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations



**HOUSE BILLS REASSIGNED FEBRUARY 18, 2016****HB 1138 Prince George's County Delegation**

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SCHOOL FACILITIES SURCHARGE –  
STUDENT HOUSING EXEMPTIONS PG 439–16

Altering the areas within which multifamily housing designated as student housing is exempt from the Prince George's County school facilities surcharge; and establishing an exemption from the school facilities surcharge for specified multifamily housing designated as graduate student housing by the City of College Park.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

PLL of Prince George's Co, Art. 17, § 10-192.01(b)(4) - amended

Reassigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1444 Delegate Aumann**

MARY BYRD WYMAN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION OF BALTIMORE  
CITY

Altering the incorporation of the Mary Byrd Wyman Memorial Association of Baltimore City; altering the purpose of the Association; stating the principal address of and the name and address of the resident agent of the Association; prohibiting the Association from issuing capital stock; providing that the business and affairs of the Association is managed by the Board of Trustees; providing for the Board of Trustees; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

Chapter 262 of the Acts of 1884, § 1 - amended

Reassigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1465 Delegate M. Washington**

FOSTER CARE – STANDARDS FOR FOSTER PARENTS

Requiring the Social Services Administration of the Department of Human Resources to adopt regulations that require local departments of social services to ensure that potential foster parents have the capacity to value, respect, appreciate, and educate a child regarding the child's, racial, ethnic, religious and cultural heritage, and sexual orientation or gender identity.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

FL, § 5-525(j) - amended

Reassigned to: Judiciary